



PRESS RELEASE

Voter registration and verification for the 10th November 2020 by-elections

The Malawi Electoral Commission is informing the general public that voter registration and verification for the 10th November, 2020 by-elections will run concurrently for 14 days from 14th to 27th September 2020, including Saturdays and Sundays.

The by-election areas are Karonga Central, Lilongwe North West, Mangochi West, Mangochi North East, Phalombe North Constituencies and Makhuwira South Ward. All registration centres will open from 8am up to 4pm all days and will remain operational during lunch time.

All those who registered for the May 21, 2019 Tripartite Elections need not to register again but just go to the centre where they registered to verify their names in the voters' roll.

Those eligible to register are Malawians who have attained the age of 18 and above or will attain the voting age on the last day of voter registration which is 27th September, 2020. All those who registered for the Fresh Presidential Election this year need to register again.

As per section 19 of the Parliamentary and Presidential Elections Act and section 10 of the Local Government Elections Act, a person shall be

registered as a voter in the area where he ordinarily resides or was born or is employed or carries on business.

First time registrants are advised to bring their national IDs or the registration slip they were given by the National Registration Bureau (NRB) as evidence of civil registration. All eligible registrants without the national ID are encouraged to go and register at NRB offices located at their respective council headquarters and designated Post Offices. There will be no NRB personnel at voter registration centres to register those without national IDs. The Commission is also advising voters that transfers will not be allowed during the by-elections.

The MEC is appealing to employers to release their employees to go and register or inspect their details in the voters' roll. The Commission is also appealing to traditional and faith leaders, parents and teachers to encourage all who have not registered to go and register.

Should you need further information please contact the Media and Public Relations Director, Mr Sangwani Mwafulirwa on 0999274304 or email smwafulirwa@mec.org.mw .

Signed this 13th day of September, 2020 at Blantyre

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Alfandika', written over a faint rectangular stamp.

Sam Alfandika
Chief Elections Officer